



Geography Topic:

UK and Europe: A comparison study.

Year 4

Knowledge and Understanding

National Curriculum Statements

- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping to locate countries and describe features in Europe.
- To focus on Europe (including Russia)
- Europe's environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities.
- Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of a region in a European country.
- Physical geography: Climate Zones
- Human geography: Types of settlement and land use.
- To use the eight points of a compass.

Key Vocabulary (NC in green)

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Climate	The weather conditions in an area over a long period of time.
Types of Climate	Tropical Dry Moderate Continental Polar
Country	A nation with its own government
Settlement	A place where people start a community
Land use	The use of the land by humans
Human geography	Features of land that have been impacted by human activity.
Physical geography	Natural features of land.

What? (Key Knowledge)

10 capital cities in Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amsterdam (Netherlands), Berlin (Germany), London (England and the UK), Madrid (Spain), Moscow (Russia) Paris (France), Prague (Czech Republic), Rome (Italy), Stockholm (Sweden) and Vienna (Austria)
10 largest European countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia, Ukraine, France, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Finland, Poland, Italy
Extreme climates in Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hottest: Spain and Portugal • Coldest: Russia • Wettest: Slovenia • Driest: Spain
Major European Mountain ranges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alps, Pyrenees, Urals
Highest mountain peak in Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount Elbrus (Russia) 5,642m
Largest lake in Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladoga (Russia)
Major rivers in Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volga (Russia), Danube (Germany), Ural (Russia and Kazakhstan)
European landmarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parthenon, Athens, Greece • The Colosseum, Rome, Italy • Eiffel Tower, Paris, France • The Tower of Pisa, Pisa, Italy
Facts about Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia is so large that it takes up forty percent of Europe's land area • Vatnajökull (or Vatna Glacier) is Europe's largest glacier with an area of more than 8,000 square kilometres • The Mediterranean Sea has dried up several times

Know how to...

- Locate the key places (above) on maps, globes **and** digital computer mapping
- Present information knowledgably about a city in the UK and a city in Europe
- Use the eight points of a compass
- Make a map including landmarks, using simple symbols in a key

